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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013-14 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 414

## **Introduced by Assembly Member Fox**

February 15, 2013

An act to-amend add Section 4326-of to the Family Code, relating to spousal support.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 414, as amended, Fox. Spousal support: modifications.

Existing law, until January 1, 2014, provides provided that in a proceeding in which a spousal support order exists or in which the court has retained jurisdiction over a spousal support order, if a companion child support order is in effect, the termination of child support constitutes a change of circumstances that may be the basis for a request for modification of spousal support, except as specified. Existing law requires, until January 1, 2014, required that a motion to modify spousal support based on that change of circumstances be filed within 6 months of the termination of the child support order.

This bill would-extend the operation of these provisions indefinitely reenact these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4326 is added to the Family Code, to read:

- 4326. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (d), in a proceeding in which a spousal support order exists or in which the court has retained jurisdiction over a spousal support order, if a companion child support order is in effect, the termination of child support pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 3901 constitutes a change of circumstances that may be the basis for a request by either party for modification of spousal support.
- (b) A motion to modify spousal support based on the change of circumstances described in subdivision (a) shall be filed by either party no later than six months from the date the child support order terminates.
- (c) If a motion to modify a spousal support order pursuant to subdivision (a) is filed, either party may request the appointment of a vocational training counselor pursuant to Section 4331.
- (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), termination of the child support order does not constitute a change of circumstances under subdivision (a) in any of the following circumstances:
- (1) The child and spousal support orders are the result of a marital settlement agreement or judgment and the marital settlement agreement or judgment contains a provision regarding what is to occur when the child support order terminates.
- (2) The child and spousal support orders are the result of a marital settlement agreement or judgment, which provides that the spousal support order is nonmodifiable or that spousal support is waived and the court's jurisdiction over spousal support has been terminated.
- (3) The court's jurisdiction over spousal support was previously terminated.
- SECTION 1. Section 4326 of the Family Code is amended to read:
- 4326. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (d), in a proceeding in which a spousal support order exists or in which the court has retained jurisdiction over a spousal support order, if a companion child support order is in effect, the termination of child support pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 3901 constitutes a change

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of circumstances that may be the basis for a request by either party for modification of spousal support.

- (b) A motion to modify spousal support based on the change of eircumstances described in subdivision (a) shall be filed by either party no later than six months from the date the child support order terminates.
- (c) If a motion to modify a spousal support order pursuant to subdivision (a) is filed, either party may request the appointment of a vocational training counselor pursuant to Section 4331.
- (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), termination of the child support order does not constitute a change of circumstances under subdivision (a) in any of the following circumstances:
- (1) The child and spousal support orders are the result of a marital settlement agreement or judgment and the marital settlement agreement or judgment contains a provision regarding what is to occur when the child support order terminates.
- (2) The child and spousal support orders are the result of a marital settlement agreement or judgment, which provides that the spousal support order is nonmodifiable or that spousal support is waived and the court's jurisdiction over spousal support has been terminated.
- (3) The court's jurisdiction over spousal support was previously terminated.